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Responsive to the Official Action dated **June 11, 2002**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are pending. Claims 1, 3 and 6 are independent claims. Claims 2 and 5 are dependent on claim 1; claims 4, 9 and 10 are dependent on claim 3; and claims 7, 8 and 11 are dependent on claim 6.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 2 and 5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Figa in view of Miyamoto. Applicants respectfully traverse this Section 103(a) rejection.

Claim 1 is directed to a telephone apparatus and includes the following elements:

- > an information detector for detecting transmitted caller information,
- > an operation unit for specifying <u>caller group information</u> which relates to the caller information,